

# **MENTORED SPRING TURKEY**

There were 679 Mentored Spring Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2014 season. All were single tag licenses valid for a male turkey. A total of 621 mentors/hunters were surveyed and 402 responses (65%) were received. Surveys were only sent via email and no corrections were made for nonresponse bias.

The 2014 spring season ran from April 5 through May 18. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.30 days, which projected to a total of 1,562 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 211 male turkeys were harvested, resulting in a success rate for this season of 31%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.54 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

The six units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Gregory, Charles Mix/Douglas, Yankton, Meade/Pennington, and Marshall/Roberts.

## Summary of the 2009-2014 Spring Mentored Youth Turkey Seasons

| YEAR | Licenses | HARVEST |      |       |          | Avg Days | Average      |
|------|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|----------|--------------|
|      | Sold     | Males   | Hens | Total | %Success | Hunted   | Satisfaction |
| 2009 | 422      | 171     | 0    | 171   | 41%      | 2.88     | 5.81         |
| 2010 | 535      | 228     | 0    | 228   | 43%      | 3.14     | 5.83         |
| 2011 | 601      | 210     | 0    | 210   | 35%      | 2.60     | 5.63         |
| 2012 | 559      | 205     | 0    | 205   | 37%      | 2.36     | 5.75         |
| 2013 | 642      | 190     | 2    | 192   | 30%      | 2.32     | 5.71         |
| 2014 | 679      | 211     | 0    | 211   | 31%      | 2.30     | 5.54         |

## 2014 Mentored Spring Turkey Harvest Projection

| Last Revised:<br>19-Aug-14 | Licenses |      | Response | Unit/<br>Subunit | Harvest Projections |       |      |         | Average<br>Days<br>Hunted | Mean<br>Satisfctn<br>Score |
|----------------------------|----------|------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-------|------|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
|                            | Resident |      |          |                  | Total               |       |      |         |                           |                            |
| Unit/Type                  | Avail.   | Sold | Rate     | Success          | Toms                | Jakes | Hens | Harvest |                           |                            |
| ST1-32                     | Unlim    | 679  | 65%      | 31%              | 171                 | 41    | 0    | 211     | 2.30                      | 5.54                       |

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

# 2014 Spring Ment Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:  
19-Aug-14

| County                    | Reported Harvest |           |          |            | Projected Harvest |           |          |            |       |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|
|                           | Toms             | Jakes     | Hens     | Total      | Toms              | Jakes     | Hens     | Total      | %     |
| 01A (Minnehaha)           | 3                | 1         | 0        | 4          | 5                 | 2         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 02A (Pennington-East)     | 2                | 0         | 0        | 2          | 3                 | 0         | 0        | 3          | 1.6%  |
| 06A (Brookings)           | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 07A (Yankton)             | 5                | 2         | 0        | 7          | 8                 | 3         | 0        | 12         | 5.6%  |
| 08A (Davison/Hanson)      | 2                | 0         | 0        | 2          | 3                 | 0         | 0        | 3          | 1.6%  |
| 11A (Bennett)             | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 12A (Bon Homme)           | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 13A (Brule)               | 0                | 1         | 0        | 1          | 0                 | 2         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 15A (Butte/Lawrence)      | 5                | 0         | 0        | 5          | 8                 | 0         | 0        | 8          | 4.0%  |
| 17A (Charles Mix/Douglas) | 7                | 3         | 0        | 10         | 12                | 5         | 0        | 17         | 8.0%  |
| 19A (Clay)                | 2                | 1         | 0        | 3          | 3                 | 2         | 0        | 5          | 2.4%  |
| 20A (Corson)              | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)     | 2                | 2         | 0        | 4          | 3                 | 3         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 22A (Day/Codington)       | 2                | 2         | 0        | 4          | 3                 | 3         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 23A (Deuel)               | 4                | 1         | 0        | 5          | 7                 | 2         | 0        | 8          | 4.0%  |
| 24A (Dewey/Ziebach)       | 3                | 1         | 0        | 4          | 5                 | 2         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 27A (Fall River)          | 0                | 1         | 0        | 1          | 0                 | 2         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 29A (Grant)               | 2                | 4         | 0        | 6          | 3                 | 7         | 0        | 10         | 4.8%  |
| 30A (Gregory)             | 13               | 0         | 0        | 13         | 22                | 0         | 0        | 22         | 10.4% |
| 31A (Haakon)              | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 35A (Harding)             | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 36A (Hughes)              | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 37A (Hutchinson)          | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 39A (Jackson)             | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 40A (Jerauld)             | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 41A (Jones)               | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 44A (Lincoln)             | 2                | 2         | 0        | 4          | 3                 | 3         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 45A (Lyman)               | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 48A (Marshall/Roberts)    | 8                | 0         | 0        | 8          | 14                | 0         | 0        | 14         | 6.4%  |
| 49A (Meade/Pennington)    | 7                | 0         | 0        | 7          | 12                | 0         | 0        | 12         | 5.6%  |
| 50A (Mellette)            | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 52A (Moody)               | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 53A (Perkins)             | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 56A (Sanborn)             | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 58A (Stanley)             | 3                | 1         | 0        | 4          | 5                 | 2         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 60A (Tripp)               | 3                | 1         | 0        | 4          | 5                 | 2         | 0        | 7          | 3.2%  |
| 61A (Turner)              | 1                | 0         | 0        | 1          | 2                 | 0         | 0        | 2          | 0.8%  |
| 62A (Union)               | 2                | 0         | 0        | 2          | 3                 | 0         | 0        | 3          | 1.6%  |
| 65A (Shannon)             | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| 67A (Todd)                | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0        | 0          | 0.0%  |
| BH1 (Black Hills)         | 17               | 1         | 0        | 18         | 29                | 2         | 0        | 30         | 14.4% |
| Unknown                   | 0                | 0         | 0        | 0          |                   |           |          |            |       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>             | <b>101</b>       | <b>24</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>171</b>        | <b>41</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>211</b> |       |

Any by unit projected values will differ from by statewide projected values due to incorrect sampling proportions within management units.  
Use these figures for approximations only!